

REMARKS

1. A restriction requirement was entered with respect to claims 1 and 9-16, Claims 2-8 were previously canceled and claims 17-18 were withdrawn by Examiner. The applicant has formally elected to pursue prosecution of claims 1 and 9-16 without traverse and abandon prosecution of claims 17-18.
2. Claim 1 and claims 9-16 are rejected on the basis of various informalities. However the above amended claims render these rejections moot.
3. A petition and fee for extension of time in the present response of 1 month is enclosed herewith. Therefore this amendment is timely filed as of the date of deposit shown below.
4. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 1 and claims 9-16, as the above amendment has placed these claims into condition for allowance; there being now 1 independent claims and 9 total claims in the application no further fees for additional claims are required.
5. In closing, I wish to express my appreciation for your kind consideration and helpful comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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